AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A method for creating a task library on a computer, comprising:

obtaining task data for a plurality of components installed on the computer, wherein the task data comprises reference information to assist a user in regard to the plurality of components, and wherein at least some task data corresponding to the plurality of components is configured such that the corresponding component may be manipulated from within the task library;

generating task links referencing the task data for the plurality of components according to a predetermined schema; and

storing the task data and the task links as the task library.

2. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the plurality of components installed on the computer comprises at least one hardware component.

3. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the plurality of components installed on the computer comprises at least one software component.

4. (Original) The method of Claim 3, wherein the plurality of components installed on the computer comprises operating system components.

5. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the plurality of components installed on the computer comprises at least one hardware component and at least one software component.

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6. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the plurality of components installed on the computer comprises at least one remote component.

7. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the plurality of components installed on the computer are from a plurality of component providers.

8. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the predetermined schema organizes the task links referencing the task data according to predetermined topics.

9. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the predetermined schema organizes the task links referencing the task data according to an alphabetic ordering of the subject matter of the task data.

10. (Canceled)

11. (Currently amended) The method of Claim [[10]] 1, wherein the task data further comprises a plurality of tasks, and wherein each task corresponds to a particular topic relating to [[its]] a corresponding component of the plurality of components.

12-24. (Canceled)

25. (Currently amended) A computer system comprising:

a processor;

a memory storing a task library, the task library comprising:

task data for a plurality of components installed on the computer system, wherein the task data comprises reference information to assist a user in regard to the plurality of components installed on the computer; and

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task links referencing the task data of the plurality of components generated according to a defined schema.

26. (Original) The computer system of Claim 25, wherein the plurality of components installed on the computer system comprises at least one hardware component.

27. (Original) The computer system of Claim 25, wherein the plurality of components installed on the computer system comprises at least one software component.

28. (Original) The computer system of Claim 27, wherein the plurality of components installed on the computer system comprises operating system components.

29. (Original) The computer system of Claim 25, wherein the plurality of components installed on the computer system comprises at least one hardware component and at least one software component.

30. (Original) The computer system of Claim 25, wherein the plurality of components installed on the computer system comprises at least one remote component.

31. (Original) The computer system of Claim 25, wherein the plurality of components installed on the computer system are from a plurality of component providers.

32. (Original) The computer system of Claim 25, wherein the predefined schema organizes the task links referencing the task data according to predefined topics.

33. (Original) The computer system of Claim 25, wherein the predefined schema organizes the task links referencing the task data according to an alphabetic ordering of the subject matter of the task data.

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34. (Canceled)

35. (Currently amended) The computer system of Claim [[34]] 25, wherein the task data further comprises a plurality of tasks, wherein each task corresponds to a particular topic relating to one of the plurality of components installed on the computer system.

36. (Original) The computer system of Claim 35, wherein the task data comprises a task configured such that aspects of a corresponding component installed on the computer may be manipulated from within the task library.

37-48. (Canceled)

49. (Original) A method for executing a task on a computer without changing component context from the current component, the method comprising:

retrieving a plurality of tasks from a task library, the task library comprising a plurality of tasks from a plurality of components installed on the computer;

displaying the retrieved tasks to a user;

detecting the user's selection of a displayed task; and

executing an action associated with the selected task without changing the apparent context from the current component.

50. (Original) The method of Claim 49, wherein the tasks in the task library comprise tasks from at least one software component.

51. (Original) The method of Claim 49, wherein the tasks in the task library comprise tasks from at least one hardware component.

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52. (Original) The method of Claim 49, wherein the tasks in the task library comprise tasks from at least one software component and at least one hardware component.

53. (Original) The method of Claim 49, wherein the tasks in the task library comprise tasks from operating system components.

54. (Original) The method of Claim 49, wherein the tasks in the task library are organized according to a predefined schema.

55. (Original) The method of Claim 49, wherein retrieving a plurality of tasks from the task library further comprises retrieving the plurality of tasks from the task library according to the current component's context.

56. (Original) The method of Claim 49, wherein the retrieved tasks are displayed to a user according to a determined relevancy of the tasks.

57. (Original) The method of Claim 56, wherein the retrieved tasks are displayed to a user according to a determined relevancy of the tasks, such that more relevant tasks are displayed more prominently to the user.

58. (Original) The method of Claim 56, wherein the determined relevancy of the tasks is determined according to the frequency with which the user has previously selected each task.

59. (Original) The method of Claim 56, wherein the determined relevancy of the tasks is determined according to the frequency with which a plurality of users have previously selected each task.

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60. (Original) The method of Claim 56, where determined relevancy of the tasks is determined according to computer state information.

61. (Currently amended) A computer-readable storage medium bearing computer-readable instructions which, when executed, carry out the method comprising:

obtaining task data for a plurality of components installed on a computer, wherein the task data comprises reference information to assist a user in regard to the plurality of components, and wherein task data corresponding to at least one component of the plurality of components is configured such that the corresponding component may be manipulated from within the task library;

storing the task data in a task library;

generating task links referencing the task data of the plurality of components according to a predetermined schema; and

storing the task links with the task library.

62. (Currently amended) A computer-readable storage medium bearing computer-readable instructions which, when executed, carry out the method comprising:

retrieving a plurality of tasks from a task library, the task library comprising a plurality of tasks from a plurality of components installed on the computer;

displaying the retrieved tasks to a user;

detecting the user's selection of a displayed task; and

executing an action associated with the selected task without changing the apparent context from the current component.

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